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1. IN RESPONSE DEPT'S QUERY PARA 3 REFTEL, WE DO NOT BELIEVE COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED TO KHALIFA REPORT IS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, AS THAT REPORT FOCUSES ON WESTERN ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL-NUCLEAR RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, WE WILL BRIEFLY MAKE POINTS PROVIDED IN REFTEL ON THOSE ISSUES IN OUR STATEMENT TODAY (FEB.17). WE MAY MAKE A MORE DETAILED RESPONSE IF AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS IS NECESSARY. AS OF FEB. 17 A.M. SESSION FINAL VERSIONS OF SEVERAL AFRICAN RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE. WEO'S HERE ARE TAKING AN EXTREMELY LOW PROFILE ON KHALIFA REPORT. CANADA AND SWEDEN HAVE IMPLICITLY STRESSED THEIR DISTANCE FROM OTHER WEO'S ON RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA BY POINTING UP IN THEIR STATEMENTS THE MEASURES THEY HAVE TAKEN IN TRADE RELATIONS.

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2. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT A PREVIOUS KHALIFA REPORT, GENERALLY PRESENTING SAME ARGUMENTS AS THIS ONE, WAS CONSIDERED BY THE 31ST UNGA. WE FIND THE REPORT TO BE PATCHY AND TENDENTIOUS. HOWEVER A DETAILED RESPONSE TO THE REPORT'S OBSERVATIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE PERCEIVED BY AFRICANS AS QUIBBLES THAT DO NOT DETRACT FROM THE

REPORT'S DAMNING EVIDENCE OF MASSIVE WESTERN "ASSISTANCE"
TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE IMPLICIT PREMISE OF THE REPORT IS
THAT WITHOUT SUCH RELATIONS WITH THE WEST SOUTH AFRICA
WOULD COLLAPSE. TALKING POINTS ADDRESSED SPECIFICALLY TO
THIS POINT MIGHT BE USEFUL. HOWEVER AT THIS STAGE IT
STRIKES US THAT, AS WITH THE MIDDLE EASTERN ISSUES,
OUR BEST POSTURE IN VIEW OF OUR LARGER CONFERENCE GOALS
IS TO GET THROUGH THESE ISSUES WITHOUT FEEDING THE FIRES
OF DEBATE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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